



THE HARVARD GRADUATE COUNCIL
The Representative Body for All of Harvard's Graduate and Professional Students

October 31st, 2022, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Harvard Divinity School, Braun Room in Swartz Hall (45 Francis Avenue)

For any questions or concerns (e.g., if you are unable to find or access the room, please get in touch with Ulzijjargal Sukhbaatar at **808-304-5588** or if you are a Representative/Board Member, use the #general slack channel!

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Schools must have at least one Representative present in person to cast votes for your school. If you cannot attend in person, you are encouraged to send a degree-seeking graduate student from your school to serve as a designee. Forward the meeting calendar invite & meeting agenda to your Designee and email operations@hgc.harvard.edu by noon on Sunday. Otherwise, we will expect that you will be in attendance in person. Bring your ID and dress in business casual, if possible!

For those who are in degree programs that are currently entirely virtual (only specific programs at HES and HGSE), you will be allowed to attend the HGC meeting virtually. The Zoom information for participating remotely is below:

<https://harvard.zoom.us/j/99666878268?pwd=RVpzeHVJUEhmZGMrNXdRV0IzSGxPQT09>

Password: 027071

Other Information:

Please arrive/login 15 minutes early before the start of the meeting (this applies to everyone -l Representatives and Executive Board). The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm ET.

Food will NOT be provided. HGC Representatives and current Executive Board members will be reimbursed up to \$20 for a meal eaten on the day of the meeting (either before or after our HGC

meeting). Save your receipts. HGC cannot reimburse you without a receipt. If you would like to reimburse your meal, please fill out this form: [HERE](#)

AGENDA

I. School Tour and Presentation (6:30 pm - 6:55 pm)

II. Roll Call and Welcome – *Carlos and Mayank* (7:00 pm - 7:05 pm)

- Roll Call of School Representatives

Schools	First Name	Last Name	Individual Present?	School Present?
SEAS	Mark	York	Yes	Yes
GSAS	Tammy	Lan	No	No
	Chanthia	Ma	No	
HLS	Tolu	Alegbeleye	No	Yes
	Alice	Hu	No	
	Dee	Um	Yes	
HBS	Maxine	Nesbitt	No	Yes
	Daniel	Applewhite	No	
	Ryan	Rivera	No	
	Davida	Bynum (new)	Yes	
HSDM	Subin	Jeong	No	Yes
	John	Couri	Yes	
HES	Brett	Monson	No	Yes
	Andrew	Blair	Yes	
	Angelica	Remanche	Yes	
	Lillian	Wang	Yes	
HKS	Eliazar	Chacha	Yes (Zoom)	Yes
HSPH	Heather	Olden	No	Yes
	Idongesit	Sampson	No	
	Kushi	Desai	Yes	
HMS	Kosti	Psimopoulos	No	Yes

	Sunny	Jeong	Excused absent	
	Diviya	Rajesh	Yes	
	Naira	Ikram	No	
HGSE	Athena Cole	Tassis Wilson	Yes Yes	Yes
	Aakanksha	Jain	No	
GSD	Amna	Pervaiz	Excused absence	No
	Nicole	Collins	No	
	Keisha	Bush	Yes	Yes
HDS	Shariah	Anderson	No	

- Quorum in attendance (8/12 required): Yes
- Approval of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Agenda - **MOVED** by Keisha (HDS), **SECONDED** by Cole (HGSE), **NO DISSENT, APPROVED** 7:09 PM ET

III. Guest Presentation (7:05 pm -7:35 pm)

- Christopher Cleveland, Chair of the Student Advisory Committee to the Presidential Search Committee
- *Questions for Input:*
 - What do you see as the most important opportunities likely to face Harvard in the years ahead?
 - What do you value most about Harvard?
 - What do you see as the most consequential challenges likely to face Harvard in the years ahead?
 - What about Harvard most warrants change?
 - What should be the key priorities for Harvard’s next president?
 - What qualities, abilities, and experience are most important to seek in Harvard’s next president?
 - Do you have any further advice for the search committee?
- Students may share their thoughts, in confidence, in any of three ways:
 1. You may scan the QR code and complete the survey [HERE](#);
 2. You may attend one of the in-person sessions listed [HERE](#);
 3. You may send an email to psearch@harvard.edu
- Questions and Comments:
 - Any connections with the MIT search committee to learn from their recent search committee?

- Not connected to MIT yet. Current student committee's Input - organized around themes - student diversity, one Harvard identity, uniform approach to as simple as IT. what is Harvard's role in the climate issue?
- Equity and financial assistance across the different grad schools, lack of aid can restrict the career path.
- What's the committee's idea of the perfect candidate?
 - Based on the various things that Harvard is trying to prioritize. For example, legal background vs. sustainability background vs. urban planning background.
- How much influence does the student committee have?
 - Input in terms of helping them think about the profile of the potential candidates.
- Has the search committee selected a person or one thing that's emblematic of what students want?
 - Clarifying the qualities rather than individuals is the goal
- How much input does the outgoing president have on the selection process?
 - Technically the current president is not on the search committee
- Timeline and the process of the search committee?
 - Announced over summer - students, alumni, and broader network
 - Faculty, staff, and student committee share suggestions with the search committee by fall
 - Hiring is completed by March
- Do you predict that there will be an interim period?
 - Not known yet
- What are some qualities?
 - Someone willing to listen to students; we would like to see a student sitting on the search committee or the board of trustees.
 - Greater access and support for international students - housing, and legal support to figure out their career options after graduation

IV. Public Comments (7:35 pm - 7:40 pm)

- None

V. Open Discussion (7:40 pm - 8:20 pm)

- Harvard v. Yale Graduate Tailgate challenges
 - Tickets for partners
 - Tickets on sale from tomorrow
 - Raise 100 by Tuesday, Rest by Friday
 - Tickets for students only and a waitlist for partners
 - Price for HGC members

- HGC members will be paying a regular price as all other students, except those on the organizing committee who don't need to pay for the tickets
 - Alumni access challenge
 - Cole Wilson (HGSE)
 - Cross-campus voter competition
 - Share to promote voting across the campus on social media
 - Thursday - To get more pledges to votes
 - Mark York (SEAS)
 - Resolution **PASSES** - University Student Groups [HERE](#)
 - Student group across all Harvard schools
 - Form a task force to propose Marshal to admit the members of the university student groups
 - Specific office to manage it as opposed to individuals
 - Logistics regarding coordination given the different timelines of different schools
 - Potential overlaps and the ways to navigate that, however, there is benefit in streamlining benefits and students to be able to connect to one another
 - Someone within the provost office, someone they hire to manage the committee
 - Structuring and running groups in a broad way and cater to wider student interests to steer away from having narrow focus
 - Geographical logistics given some schools at longwood are far from harvard square
 - Janan (HCG Chair of Advocacy)
 - Resolution **PASSES** - Harvard Stands with the people of Iran [HERE](#)
 - Morality police intimidating people and subjecting them to violence
 - Resolution is an evidence of the various kinds of action that have been happening. The purpose is mainly documentation of the support that has been reflected in the various movements within multiple schools at Harvard
 - Eliazar Chacha (HKS)
 - Resolution-TABLED- Harvard Affirmative Action Resolution [HERE](#)
 - Resolution on continued use of race in admissions
 - Statement: Harvard supports race in admissions
 - Tabled to the next meeting
 - HGC supports considering race in admissions process

VI. Action Items (8:20 pm - 8:35 pm)

- New Business
 - Approval of Amended FY 2022-23 HGC Budget (Carlos & M.J.)
 - Access budget [HERE](#)

- Further Clarity: graduate mentorship program
To pair students across different programs to learn more about different schools and programs during their time at Harvard.
- Description of the cost heads to be included in the subsequent meetings

VI. Updates and Board Reports (8:35 pm- 8:55 pm)

Executive – Carlos & Mayank

- Ivy+ Summit Recap
 - Legal assistance
 - Graduate mentorship program
 - Food security
 - Family-inclusive events
- Meeting with President Bacow
- Council of Deans of Students (CODOS)
- Harvard v. Yale Tailgate fundraising update
 - Many thanks to Harvard Law School Student Government, Kennedy School Student Government, Harvard Graduate School of Education Student Council, Harvard Medical School Master’s Student Council, and Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

Finance – M.J. Mehdi

- One Harvard Catalyst Fund Committee sign up [HERE](#)
 - To help fund interschool collaboration. Committee will be formed to assess the impact of previous activities under this fund.

Operations & Governance – Ulziijargal & Azwa

- Calendar invitations for the Spring meetings - will be sent out by the end of this week
- Sign-up to host a General Council Meeting [HERE](#)
 - School intro presentation/tour - no longer than 15 minutes
- Join Slack [HERE](#)
 - If you cannot join, let Ulziijargal know

Programming – Prabhroop & Shreya

- Harvard v. Yale Tailgate Planning update
 - Join the planning committee [HERE](#)
- HGC Friendsgiving Dinner -Thursday, November 10th
 - In progress - to change the event to November 15th

Advocacy & Engagement

- Academic Affairs - Arya
 - Inter-school mentorship program
- Wellbeing - Ambria & Annie
 - Graduate Intramural Sports League updates (Annie)
- Diversity & Inclusion - Shabeha
 - Postcards for international students initiative in partnership with GSAS
 - Facilitate office hours to make initiatives and programs more diverse
- Advocacy & Engagement - Janan
 - Solidarity with Iran initiative
 - Harvard Votes Challenge

Information & Marketing – Gabriel & Cayden

- HGC Newsletter
 - Bi-weekly newsletters for timely promotions
 - Limited budget for marketing
- “Meet the Board” social media campaign

VII. Announcements (8:55 pm - 8:58 pm)

- Harvard v. Yale Graduate Student Tailgate tickets: [HERE](#)
 - Round 1: open at noon on November 1st
 - Round 2: open at noon on November 4th
- Halloween Costume contest winner: Mark
- **Next General Council Meeting:** Monday, November 14, 2022, 6:30-9 pm at HSPH

VIII. Adjournment

- Motion to **ADJOURN** by Keisha **SECONDED** by Cole, **DISSENT** by none, General Council meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:01 PM EST



Photos were taken by Chair of Operations, Ulziiyargal Sukhbaatar